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1. (C.-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE USED IN BRIEFING THE PRESS, PROTECTING SOURCES WHERE INDICATED. FOR NEW DELHI AND ISLAHABAD: THE ACCOUNT OF THE SHARE NAU BOMBINGS IN PARAS 8-12 IS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS REPORTED IN KABUL 1849 THROUGH WITH FURTHER DETAILS ON CASUALTIES AND BOMB SITES.

3. SUMMARY: RESISTANCE INCIDENTS IN KABUL INCREASED DRAMATICALLY DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER DESPITE GREATLY INCREASED SECURITY DUE TO THE KUSHANID CONFERENCE AND A MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL. IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL NIGHTLY FIGHTING IN THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THE CAPITAL AND THE ASSASSINATION OF A DEPUTY MINISTER FROM THE AMIN REGIME, THE SHARE NAU SECTION OF KABUL WAS ROCKED BY FOUR EXPLOSIONS ON NOVEMBER 11. THE BOMBS, WHICH DETONATED WITHIN 45 MINUTES OF EACH OTHER, WERE PLANTED IN THREE "RESTAURANTS" IN SHARE NAU WHICH CATER TO KHAD (AFGHAN SECRET POLICE) PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE LIQUOR AND PROSTITUTES. ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, OVER TWENTY PERSONS WERE KILLED. DESPITE REGIME EFFORTS TO COVER UP AND REPAIR THE SITES, THE BOMBINGS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY OF THE RESISTANCE TO BREAK THROUGH THE FACADE OF PEACE AND ORDER WHICH THE REGIME WANTED TO PROJECT FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

4. PUBLIC ANGER TOWARD THE DRA REGIME AND THE SOVIETS OVER THE EARLY NOVEMBER TRAGEDY IN THE SALANG TUNNEL CONTINUES. CURRENT ESTIMATES ARE THAT AROUND 300-400 SOVIETS AND 500-800 AFGHANS DIED IN THE TUNNEL.

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WHILE MOST OF THE VICTIMS DIED OF ASPHYXIATION, THERE ARE CREDIBLE REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE BODIES BROUGHT TO KABUL WERE RIDDED WITH BULLETS.

5. REACTIONS IN KABUL TO BREZHNEV'S DEATH WERE MIXED. WHILE THE REGIME TOOK PAINS TO DISPLAY AND IMPOSE MOURNING, ORDINARY AFGHANS APPEARED GLADDENED AT THE SOVIET LEADER'S DEMISE.

6. THOUGH THE SOVIET/REGIME OFFENSIVE IN PAGHMAN IS OVER, CLASHES BETWEEN LOCAL MUHAJIDEEN AND REGIME FORCES CONTINUED IN NOVEMBER.

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IN ADDITION TO ATTACKING MILITARY OUTPOSTS IN THE AREA AND ON THE ROAD TO PAGHMAN, MUJAHIDEEN SHOT DOWN TWO HELICOPTERS ON NOVEMBER 5. SOVIET RETALIATORY BOMBING IS NOW CARRIED OUT BY MIG'S.

7. KABUL ATMOSPHERICS.

RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND KABUL INCREASED DRAMATICALLY DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER, DESPITE INCREASED SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL BECAUSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL KUSHAN STUDIES CONFERENCE AND THE CONFERENCE ON "SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE DANGER OF WAR" ORGANIZED BY THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL. IN ADDITION TO THE ASSASSINATIONS AND SHARE NAU BOMBINGS DETAILED BELOW, SOUNDS OF FIGHTING WERE HEARD AT NIGHT IN MOST AREAS OF THE CITY, ESPECIALLY KHAIR KHANA, KOTE SANGI, KARTE SEH, KARTE CHAR, AND DARULAHAN. ON SEVERAL NIGHTS, THE SOUNDS OF ARTILLERY AND EXCHANGES OF MACHINE GUN FIRE WERE HEARD FROM THE DEH SABZ AREA BEHIND THE AIRPORT. ON THESE NIGHTS RESIDENTS COULD HEAR THE SOUND OF A SMALL PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT FLYING OVERHEAD, PRESUMABLY A BIPLANE USED TO DIRECT ARTILLERY TOWARD THE MUJAHIDEEN FIRE POINTS. ALSO, A LARGER TURBO-PROP AIRCRAFT WAS IN THE AIR DROPPING CLUSTERS OF FLARES.

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B. SHARE NAU BOMBINGS. DESPITE A HEIGHTENED STATE OF ALERT
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THROUGHOUT KABUL DUE TO THE KUSHANID CONFERENCE AND THE ARRIVAL
OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL MEETING, THE

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RESISTANCE DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS EVEN IN THE MORE PROTECTED NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE CAPITAL. WITHIN AN HOUR ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 11, BOMBS EXPLODED AT THREE RESTAURANTS NEAR SHARE NAU PARK. EACH SITE IS KNOWN AS A HANGOUT OF KHAID TYPES AND PARCHAMIS, SUPPLYING THEM WITH LIQUOR AND PROSTITUTES. THE FIRST EXPLOSION OCCURRED AROUND 1520 AT A RESTAURANT/BAR OCCUPYING THE SITE OF THE FORMER NUMBER NINE CLUB ON THE STREET RUNNING BETWEEN CHARAYI ANSARI AND THE HAJI YAKUB MOSQUE (SHARE NAU'S "BLUE MOSQUE"). A FEW MINUTES LATER A LOUDER AND MORE POWERFUL BOMB WENT OFF IN THE THREE-STORY CONCRETE BUILDING ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CHARAYI ANSARI. THAT BLAST DESTROYED THE RESTAURANT/BAR AND ADJACENT SHOE AND DRESS STORES ON THE GROUND FLOOR, BLEW A HOLE IN THE FLOOR OF THE SECOND STORY, BROKE WINDOWS ACROSS THE STREET AND FILLED THE INTERSECTION WITH DEBRIS. MINUTES LATER ANOTHER BOMB EXPLODED. WHILE IT WAS INITIALLY THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A SECON EXPLOSION AT THE FIRST SITE, IT NOW APPEARS THAT A BOMB HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN ANOTHER NEARBY RESTAURANT/BAR AND WAS TAKEN INTO SHARE NAU PARK WHERE IT EXPLODED WITHOUT CAUSING INJURY. AROUND 1600 A FOURTH BOMB DETONATED AT THE "GREEN LEAF" RESTAURANT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ZEHNAB CINEMA ON "BLUE MOSQUE STREET," BREAKING NEARBY WINDOWS AND SLIGHTLY DAMAGING THE ADJACENT POOL HALL.

9. THERE WERE CASUALTIES AT ALL THREE SITES. THOUGH THERE ARE NOW RUMORS THAT PUT THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES AT BETWEEN 60 AND 80, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, TWO DOZEN FATALITIES IS MORE CREDIBLE. AT THE SITE OF THE OLD NUMBER NINE CLUB ONE BODY AND PARTS OF ANOTHER WERE SEEN ON THE SIDEWALK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPLOSION. LATER THREE CORPSES WERE TAKEN OUT THE BACK ENTRANCE WHICH OPENS ONTO THE STREET THAT BORDERS THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF SHARE NAU PARK. ARMY AMBULANCES
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WHICH ARRIVED AT THE CHARAYI ANSARI EXPLOSION SITE FOR OVER AN HOUR AFTER THE EXPLOSION LEFT WITH 12-15 BODIES. THE BODIES OF SIX AFGHAN MEN WERE TAKEN FROM THE "GREEN LEAF" RESTAURANT AND THREE PROSTITUTES WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED, INCLUDING "KANDI" WHO TENDS BAR. THE NUMBER OF INJURIES AT THE OTHER TWO SITES IS NOT KNOWN, THOUGH A NUMBER OF PASSERSBY WERE INJURED BY FLYING GLASS AND DEBRIS.

10. THE REGIME IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED TO COVER UP THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES. UNABLE TO FIT THE LIMBLESS CORPSE BLOWN OUT ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE FORMER NUMBER NINE

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CLUB INTO THE BACK SEAT OF A NEARBY LADA (SOVIET-BUILT FIAT). TWO MEN, PRESUMABLY KHAD AGENTS, UNCEREMONIOUSLY TOSSED IT INTO THE TRUNK AND SPED OFF. REGIME TROOPS RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FIRST EXPLOSION. BY THE TIME POLICE HAD DIVERTED TRAFFIC AWAY FROM SHARE NAU PARK, STEEL HELMETED AFGHAN SOLDIERS WITH DAYONETS ON THEIR KALASHNIKOVs WERE PUSHING THE CROWDS AWAY FROM THE BOMB SITES. WITHIN AN HOUR OF THE LAST EXPLOSION POLICE ALLOWED VEHICLES TO RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL ROUTES. CLEAN-UP CREWS IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO REMOVE AND COVER UP VISIBLE DAMAGE, WORKING THROUGH THE NIGHT. THOUGH DEBRIS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR BEGUN, AS OF NOVEMBER 15, THE RESULTS OF THE EXPLOSION REMAIN EVIDENT.

11. THERE ARE SOME RUMORS IN KABUL THAT THE BOMBS MAY HAVE BEEN PLANTED BY KHALQIS RATHER THAN MUJAHIDEEN. HOWEVER, WE KNOW OF ONE INSTANCE WHEN A MUJAHID WARNED A FRIEND AWAY FROM SHARE NAU JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSIONS. AS THE EXPLOSIONS AT ALL THREE SITES BLEW WINDOWS OUTWARD, MUJAHIDEEN MUST AT LEAST HAVE HAD CONTACTS WHO COULD ENTER THE KHAD HANGOUTS WITHOUT CHALLENGE TO PLANT THE BOMBS.

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12. COMMENT. WHILE FIGHTING OCCURS NIGHTLY IN THE POORER

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SECTIONS OF KABUL, THE FOREIGN RESIDENTS AND SHOPPERS IN SHARE
NAU NORMALLY HAVE LITTLE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE WAR. THE

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NOVEMBER 11 BOMBINGS DEMONSTRATED TO SHARE NAU RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS THE KUSHANID CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WE OBSERVED ON THE STREET AT THE TIME OF THE BLASTS, THAT THE RESISTANCE HAS THE ABILITY TO BREAK THROUGH THE FACADE OF PEACE AND NORMALITY THAT THE SOVIETS AND THE REGIME TRY SO HARD TO MAINTAIN. END COMMENT.

13. ASSASSINATIONS.

THERE HAVE BEEN MORE ASSASSINATIONS THAN NORMAL IN KABUL DURING THE LAST WEEK. THE MOST NOTABLE ASSASSINATION TOOK PLACE IN KARTE PARWAN ON NOVEMBER 7. WHILE ON A SHOPPING TRIP, THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION DURING THE AMIN REGIME, NUR AHMAD DAILY, WAS SHOT AND KILLED ALONG WITH HIS YOUNG SON AT DUSK BEHIND THE BAILLSNUN CINEMA. HEARING THE GUNFIRE, AN ARMED MILITARY OFFICER APPEARED ON A NEARBY ROOF AND WAS IN TURN SHOT BY THE GUNMAN. THE ASSASSIN FLED ON FOOT AND WAS STOPPED BY TWO KHAD OFFICERS AND ONE POLICEMAN CLOSE TO THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE NEAR THE BRITISH EMBASSY. HE IMMEDIATELY SURRENDERED HIS PISTOL AND WAS PUT INTO A POLICE VEHICLE AT WHICH POINT HE DREW ANOTHER PISTOL, KILLED HIS THREE CAPTORS AND ESCAPED ON FOOT.

14. KARTE PARWAN WAS SEARCHED THAT EVENING AND THE FOLLOWING DAY. AT 4:30 NOVEMBER 8. A GROUP OF POLICEMEN UNDER KHAD DIRECTION RAN ACROSS A NUMBER OF MUJAHIDEEN. IN THE ENSUING FIREFIGHT, OVER SIX POLICEMEN WERE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BEFORE THE MUJAHIDEEN FLED. HALF AN HOUR EARLIER THE 19-YEAR-OLD SON OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PLANNING DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WAS SHOT FOUR TIMES AND KILLED ON JADEH-YE-HAIWAND. WHILE THERE ARE WIDESPREAD RUHORS OF A RASH OF ASSASSINATION ON NOVEMBER 11, THERE SEEM
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TO BE NO DETAILS AND THE STORIES MAY HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY THE SHARE NAU BOMBINGS THAT AFTERNOON.

15. REACTION TO BREZHNEV'S DEATH.

AS WOULD BE EXPECTED, REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREZHNEV'S DEATH WAS MIXED IN KABUL. THE REGIME HAS TAKEN PAINS TO IMPOSE THE APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC MOURNING. ALL SCHOOLS AND REGIME OFFICES WERE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 13 AND CONDOLENCE MEETINGS, WITH SPEECHES BY REGIME PERSONALITIES WERE HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND OTHER MINISTRIES. BABRAK KARMAI AND ENTOURAGE FLEW TO MOSCOW

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NOVEMBER 14 TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL. THERE WERE "AFGHAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ROOMS" IN EACH MINISTRY WHERE MINISTRY EMPLOYEES WERE ENJOINED TO VISIT AND PAY RESPECTS TO THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BREZHNEV DRAPED WITH BLACK CREPE. TO IMPOSE THE APPEARANCE OF MOURNING, KHAD AGENTS BROKE INTO PRIVATE AFGHAN WEDDINGS TO ENFORCE A BAN ON MUSIC AND JUBILATION.

16. A "PEACE MARCH" THAT WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 14 TO MARK THE SESSION OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, WHICH KARMAI OPENED ON NOVEMBER 11, WAS POSTPONED AT THE LAST MINUTE. WHILE THE OFFICIAL, THOUGH UNANNOUNCED, REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT WAS RESPECT FOR BREZHNEV, OTHER SOURCES SUGGEST THAT THE REGIME WAS HESITANT TO ORCHESTRATE A MASS GATHERING AT A TIME WHILE KARMAI WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, WHEN GREAT PUBLIC ANGER OVER THE SALANG TRAGEDY REMAINED, AND WHEN SECURITY FORCES HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING SUCH INCIDENTS AS THE SHARE NAU BOMBINGS.

17. OUTSIDE OF PARCHAM CIRCLES, MOST KABUL RESIDENTS APPEAR HAPPY THAT BREZHNEV IS DEAD, THOUGH THE MORE POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED WONDER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF A NEW LEADERSHIP WILL HAVE ON THE SOVIET WAR ON AFGHANISTAN. UNLIKE THE PARCHAM WING OF THE PDPA, MANY HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF KHALQI JUBILATION ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SOVIET LEADER'S DEMISE. SOME LOCAL MUJAHIDEEN HAVE EXPRESSED THE NAIVE VIEW/HOPE THAT,

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SOVIET TROOPS WILL NOW BE WITHDRAWN FROM AFGHANISTAN.

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18. SLANAG DISASTER.
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THE MAJOR OUTLINES OF THE DISASTER IN THE SALANG TUNNEL ON
NOVEMBER 2/3, UNREPORTED LAST WEEK, APPEAR TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY

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CORRECT. ACCORDING TO THE PREDOMINANT VERSION OF EVENTS CIRCULATING KABUL, THE TRAGEDY DID BEGIN WITH A CRASH BETWEEN THE LEAD TANK IN A SOVIET MILITARY CONVOY AND A FUEL TRUCK. THE CONVOY CONTAINED AT LEAST FOURTEEN VEHICLES AND CARRIED A NUMBER OF SOVIET TROOPS, ACCOUNTING FOR THE MAJORITY OF SOVIET DEAD. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE CRASH WAS ALLOWED TO OCCUR, SINCE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IS USUALLY THE RULE WHEN A MILITARY CONVOY OR OTHER WIDE-LOAD TRAFFIC IS PASSING THROUGH THE NARROW (5.2 METER) TUNNEL.

19. THE SOVIET DEAD ARE NOW ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 300-400. [AN AFGHAN WHO WAS IN CHARIKAR TO THE SOUTH OF THE TUNNEL AFTER THE DISASTER (PROTECT) COUNTED 70 TO 80 UNMARKED SOVIET CORPSES WHICH WERE BLUE FROM ASPHYXIATION. RELATIVES OF AFGHANS WHO DIED IN THE TUNNEL ALSO RECOUNT THAT THE CORPSES WERE BLUE. IN SOME CASES FAMILY MEMBERS HAD TO BE BURIED TOGETHER AS CHILDREN LOCKED IN THE ARMS OF THEIR MOTHERS COULD NOT BE PRIED LOOSE. ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF AFGHAN DEAD NOW RANGE FROM 500 TO 800.

20. WHILE CURRENT ACCOUNTS TEND TO CONFIRM EARLIER VERSIONS OF THE TRAGEDY, ANOMALIES REMAIN. SOME OF THE BODIES BROUGHT TO KABUL CARRY GUNSHOT WOUNDS (WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED FROM SOVIET EFFORTS TO KEEP EVERYONE IN THE TUNNEL), BUT WE HAVE YET TO HEAR OF ANY CORPSES WHICH WERE BURNED IN THE PURPORTED EXPLOSION AND FIRE. RELATIVES ALSO RELATE THAT THE BODIES WERE DEVOID OF ALL PERSONAL VALUABLES, LENDING SOME CREDENCE TO THE VERSION WHICH INSISTS THAT FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN THE TUNNEL BECAUSE OF MORE THAN NORMAL LOADING OF PASSENGERS IN BUSES BY SOVIET TROOPS. NOTE: WHILE WE HAVE READ AN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ACCOUNT WHICH SUGGEST THAT MUJAHIDEEN WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN EXPLOSION IN THE TUNNEL, WE HAVE HEARD NO RUMORS IN KABUL
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OF RESISTANCE INVOLVEMENT.

21. PAGHMAN. THOUGH THE AUTUMN OFFENSIVE IN AND AROUND THE NEARBY TOWN OF PAGHMAN IS OVER, MUJAHIDEEN AND DRA REGIME FORCES HAVE CONTINUED TO CLASH DURING NOVEMBER. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS RESISTANCE ATTACKS ON REGIME OUTPOSTS NEAR PAGHMAN AND THE MILITARY OUTPOSTS ESTABLISHED ALONG THE MAIN ROAD TO PAGHMAN ESTABLISHED AFTER THE RECENT SOVIET/REGIME OFFENSIVE. AT THREE P.M. NOVEMBER 3, A SMALL CONVOY OF SIX TANKS AND TWO TRUCKS WERE AMBUSHED NEAR KUSHKAQ, A VILLAGE NEAR KARGA DAM. MUJAHIDEEN DISABLED

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THE TWO TANKS WITH ROCKETS AND CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED OR WOUNDED TEN OF THE SIXTY SOLDIERS IN THE CONVOY. ONE MUJAHID WAS KILLED IN THE EXCHANGE. ON THE SAME DAY AN OUTPOST NEAR QALAI WAHED WAS ROCKETED AND FOUR DEFENSE OF REVOLUTION TROOPS KILLED.

22. RESISTANCE FORCES CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN DESTROYING SOME OF THE HELICOPTERS USED IN THE BOMBING OF LOCAL VILLAGES. ON NOVEMBER 5 THE RESISTANCE SHOT DOWN TWO HELICOPTERS NEAR PAGHMAN. THE FIRST WAS DOWNED BY A ROCKET AND THE SECOND BY HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM THE MOUNTAINS OVERLOOKING PAGHMAN. IN RETALIATION THE CHANDALBAI BAZAAR IN PAGHMAN TOWN WAS BOMBED ON NOVEMBER 6 AND 8. SINCE AT LEAST SIX HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE PAGHMAN AREA IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, BOMBING AND ROCKETING OF PAGHMAN AND OUTLYING VILLAGES IS NOW CONDUCTED BY HIG'S ONLY.

23. AREA MUJAHIDEEN DESTROYED A MILITARY OUTPOST NEAR THE JUNCTION OF THE PAGHMAN AND KANDAHAR ROADS ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 7/8, UTILIZING RPG'S. IN ADDITION TO KILLING THE FOURTEEN PERSONS MANNING THE POST, THE RESISTANCE GROUP CAPTURED 14 KALASHNIKOV'S AND ONE 12.7 MM HEAVY MACHINE GUN.

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CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
CINCUSAEUR HEIDELBERG GE
HQ USAFE RAHSTEIN AB GE
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24. ACCORDING TO LOACL MUJAHIDEEN (PROTECT), THE ANNUAL
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MIGRATION OF RESISTANCE FORCES FROM THE AREA TO PAKISTAN HAS
DEGUN. ONLY TWENTY PERCENT OF THEIR NUMBER WILL STAY NEAR

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PAGHMAN AS LOCAL FOODSTOCKS WOULD NOT SUPPORT THEIR FULL NUMBERS AND SINCE DURING THE WINTER, THE COVER NECESSARY FOR THEIR USUAL MODE OF OPERATION IS SCARCE. TIMING OF THE EXODUS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DICTATED BY THE EARLY ARRIVAL OF SNOW IN THE PASSES TO THE EAST.

25. THE SHOMALI-QARABAGH.

THE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCHES OF THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THE SHOMALI REGION NORTH OF KABUL OVER THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN HAVE GENERALLY TURNED UP MORE FOOD AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS FOR THE REGIME AND SOVIET TROOPS CONDUCTING THE OPERATIONS THAN MUJAHIDEEN OR WEAPONS.

SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE IN EARLY NOVEMBER WHEN A COMING SOVIET/REGIME FORCE CONVERGED ON THE TOWN OF QARABAGH IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE SHOMALI TO THE EAST OF THE HIGHWAY TO THE SALANG TUNNEL. A GROUP MUJAHIDEEN HAD TAKEN SHELTER IN QARABAGH JUST PRIOR TO THE "TALASHI" WHICH CAME WITHOUT WARNING. WHEN SOME TOWNSPEOPLE TRIED TO HEAD OFF THE SEARCH, THEY WERE SHOT DOWN. THOUGH REPORTS REACHING KABUL ARE PROBABLY EXAGGERATED, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST FIGHT PERSONS WERE KILLED.

26. LATE NOTE ON SHARE NAU BOMBINGS.

CONTRARY TO USUAL DRA REGIME PRACTICE, NOVEMBER 15 VERNACULAR PRESS CARRIES AN ACCOUNT OF THE SHARE NAU BOMBINGS. ARTICLES MENTION THAT FOUR RESTAURANTS IN SHARE NAU WERE BOMBED, KILLING 16 PERSONS AND INJURING 27. VICTIMS WERE PORTRAYED AS CHILDREN, YOUTHS, ELDERLY PERSONS, SOLDIERS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND MOTHERS WITH THEIR BABIES. THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES" RESPONSIBLE WERE REPORTEDLY APPREHENDED. ARTICLES CONTEND THAT ALTHOUGH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION WANTED TO SHOW THERE WAS NO
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SECURITY IN KABUL DURING THE OPENING OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE. THE "PEACE MESSENGERS" WHO CAME TO KABUL ARE CONVINCED THAT THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION IS "INVINCIBLE."
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